

Application Number: 10/613,291  
Art Unit: 3635  
Examiner: Brian E. Glesner  
Attorney Docket Number: 009801-0004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the Applicant is required to elect one of following three groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a hatch, classified in class 52, subclass 19;

Group II, claims 15-19, drawn to a spring assembly, classified in class 16, subclass 277; or

Group III, claims 20-25, drawn to a method of assembling a hatch, classified in class 52, subclass 745 16.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects the group identified by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-14 for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse.

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It is respectfully submitted that the current claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application. In the event that the restriction requirement is made final the Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayment of fees regarding this response, including extensions for reply, to Deposit Account 07-1509.

Respectfully submitted,

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